GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:112
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IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFETY MEASURES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller & Auditor General of India has pointed out that proposals regarding safety measures remain on paper;

(b) if so, whether according to his observation, status of four important aids identified by various committees over the past 20 years has not been fully implemented so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the officials held responsible for not implementing these four important safety measures; and

(e) the action taken against guilty officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.112 ASKED BY SHRI Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 2.3.2000 REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFETY MEASURES.

(a) & (b): Although the Comptroller & Auditor General of India in his Report No.9 of 1999 has pointed out that 4 important safety aids have not been fully implemented, the CAG has not stated in his Report that the safety measures remain on paper.

(c) to (e): Introduction of safety equipment is a time consuming process. Fool proof, pilfer-proof and time-tested technology is first tried out on a limited scale on trial basis. After field trials are found to be successful, the equipment /technology are cleared for implementation. Depending upon availability of funds and inter-se priority, these projects are implemented progressively. However, special thrust has been given to Track Circuiting, Auxiliary Warning System, Train Actuated Warning Devices and Train Radio Communication. Safety is the end product of combined efforts made by all constituent departments involved in train operations. No individual responsibility can be fixed for delay in introduction of safety equipment.